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Public Act No. 06-24

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL PLANS OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND INTERIM CHANGES TO THE STATE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 8-23 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

(g) The commission may adopt the plan or any part thereof or amendment thereto by a single resolution or may, by successive resolutions, adopt parts of the plan and amendments thereto. Any plan, section of a plan or recommendation in the plan, not endorsed by the legislative body of the municipality may be adopted by the commission by a vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of the commission. Upon adoption by the commission, any plan or part thereof or amendment thereto shall become effective at a time established by the commission, provided notice thereof shall be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality prior to such effective date. Any plan or part thereof or amendment thereto shall be posted on the Internet web site of the municipality, if any, and shall be filed in the office of the town clerk, except that, if it is a district plan or amendment, it shall be filed in the

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offices of both the district and town clerks. The commission shall [notify] submit a copy of the plan to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management not more than sixty days after adoption of the plan and shall include with such copy a description of any inconsistency between the plan adopted by the commission and the state plan of conservation and development and the reasons therefor.

- Sec. 2. Section 16a-32 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):
- (a) Each revision of the plan of conservation and development shall be initiated by the secretary and shall be undertaken in accordance with the process outlined in this chapter.
- (b) [Upon written approval of the committee, interim changes in the plan may be undertaken by the secretary upon his own initiative or upon application by any person, political subdivision of the state or state agency without initiating a revision of the plan.] Without initiating a revision of the plan and after receiving written approval from the committee, the secretary may undertake interim changes in the plan upon the secretary's own initiative or upon application by (1) the chief executive officer of a municipality, with the approval of the legislative body of such municipality, or (2) any owner of real property or any interest therein on which a change is proposed. No application for an interim change from a municipality under subdivision (1) of this subsection may be submitted unless (A) the municipality in which the change is proposed has a plan of conservation and development that has been updated in accordance with section 8-23, as amended by this act, and (B) the application includes evidence, in writing, of the opinion of the planning commission of the municipality regarding the interim change. The secretary shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 to establish procedures for applications for such interim changes by any person, political subdivision of the state or state agency. Such regulations shall include, but need not be limited to,

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provisions for interviews and consultations with local planning and zoning commissions or, in those municipalities which have adopted the provisions of chapter 124 but which do not have a zoning commission, the persons designated to exercise zoning powers pursuant to section 8-1, review of local plans of development and public hearings. The secretary shall notify the chief executive officer and the persons exercising planning or zoning powers in any municipality which is the subject of an application for change in the locational guide map and shall notify any members of the General Assembly representing any area which is the subject of such an application. A joint public hearing by the secretary and the committee shall be held in any such municipality if requested by any chief executive officer or planning or zoning official notified by the secretary pursuant to this subsection. The committee shall also hold a hearing in addition to any hearing required to be held in any municipality concerning the locational guide map on any other proposed changes. After such public hearing, [by the committee and upon written approval of the committee, the secretary may the committee shall approve or disapprove the application and notify the secretary of its decision not more than ten days thereafter. The secretary shall make interim changes in the plan to reflect the approved changes.

- (c) The secretary shall report annually on or before February fifteenth to the committee progress on the implementation of the plan and the extent to which state actions are in conformity with the plan.
- (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the committee from initiating a revision of the plan at any time.

Approved May 8, 2006